

ITINERARIES OF JOHN AND WILLIAM BARTRAM

The colored lines shown on the maps on this page represent the land and water routes followed by John and William Bartram in their explorations of the Southeast. The Bartrams traveled certain routes more than once, going in opposite directions. The routes are divided into distinct segments, each of which is assigned a color. The Itineraries below present their travels in chronological order, each entry describing a portion of the journey, with date, color(s) of route segments, and the names of beginning and ending locations.

Itinerary of John and William Bartram

1765	Philadelphia to Charleston	Oct	Savannah to St. Augustine (in St. Augustine)
July	Charleston to Ashwood Plantation	Nov	St. Augustine to a little lake
Aug	Ashwood Plantation to upper Cape Fear R.	Dec-Jan	1766
	Upper Cape Fear R. to Ashwood Plantation	Feb	A little lake to The Store
	Ashwood Plantation to Charleston		The Store to Ft. George
Sept	Charleston to Savannah		Ft. George to St. Augustine
	Savannah to Augusta	Mar	St. Augustine to Charleston
	Augusta to Savannah	Apr	Charleston to Philadelphia

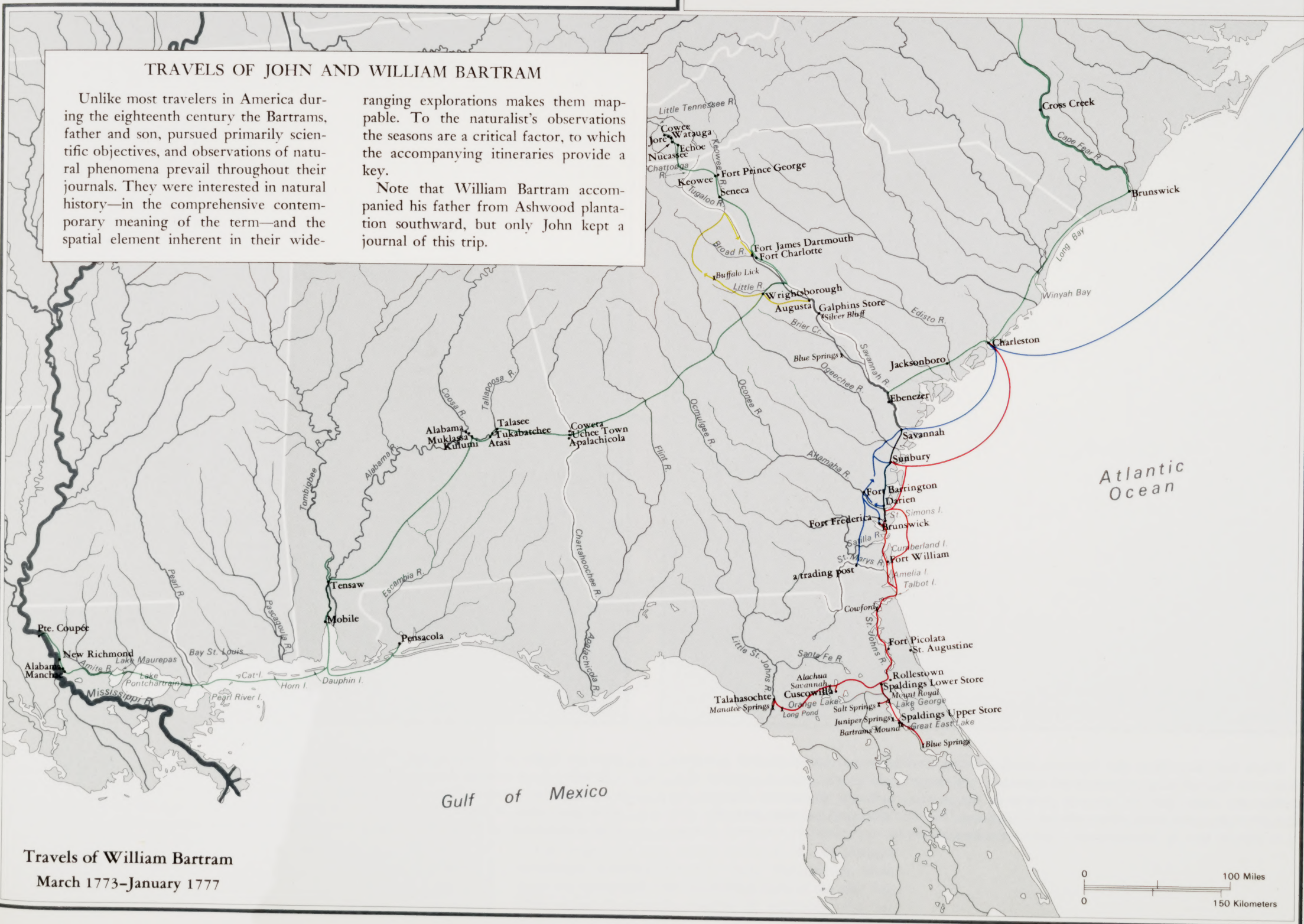
Itinerary of William Bartram

1773	Philadelphia to Savannah	July	Spaldings Lower Store to Manatee Springs
Mar-Apr	Savannah to Darien	Aug-Oct	Manatee Springs to Spaldings Lower Store
	Darien to Ft. Barrington		Spaldings Lower Store to Great East Lake
	Ft. Barrington to Brunswick		Great East Lake to Spaldings Lower Store
	Brunswick to Ft. Barrington	Nov	Spaldings Lower Store to Charleston (in Charleston)
	Ft. Barrington to a trading post	Dec-Mar	1775
May	Trading post to Savannah	Apr	Charleston to Augusta
	Savannah to Augusta	May	Augusta to Ft. James Dartmouth
June	Augusta to confluence of Tugaloo R. and Keowee R.		Ft. James Dartmouth to Cowee
	Confluence of Tugaloo R. and Keowee R. to Augusta		Cowee to Ft. James Dartmouth
July	Augusta to Savannah	June-Aug	Ft. James Dartmouth to Mobile
	(in Savannah)		Mobile to Tombigbee R.
Aug	Savannah to Ft. Frederica		Tombigbee R. to Mobile
Sept	Ft. Frederica to Savannah		Mobile to Pensacola
	(in Savannah)		Pensacola to Mobile
Oct-Mar	1774	Sept	Mobile to Pte. Coupée
	Savannah to Ft. Frederica	Oct	Pte. Coupée to Mobile
Apr	Ft. Frederica to Spaldings Lower Store	Nov-Feb	Mobile to Savannah
May	Spaldings Lower Store to Alachua Savannah	1776	
	Alachua Savannah to Spaldings Lower Store	Mar-Oct	(in Georgia and East Florida) (not mapped)
June	Spaldings Lower Store to Blue Springs	Nov-Jan	Savannah to Philadelphia
	Blue Springs to Spaldings Lower Store	1777	

TRAVELS OF JOHN AND WILLIAM BARTRAM

Unlike most travelers in America during the eighteenth century the Bartrams, father and son, pursued primarily scientific objectives, and observations of natural phenomena prevail throughout their journals. They were interested in natural history—in the comprehensive contemporary meaning of the term—and the spatial element inherent in their wide-

-ranging explorations makes them mapable. To the naturalist's observations the seasons are a critical factor, to which the accompanying itineraries provide a key. Note that William Bartram accompanied his father from Ashwood plantation southward, but only John kept a journal of this trip.



Travels of William Bartram
March 1773–January 1777